

✓ MRS. EMMA KRAFT
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Message Announcing the Death of
Mrs. Kraft Received Thursday.

Genuine sorrow spread over this community Thursday, when a message came, announcing the death of Mrs. Emma Kraft, at Billings, Mont. Although it was generally known that Mrs. Kraft was in a serious condition and her death might be expected at any time, all her friends hoped that her useful life might be prolonged. Mrs. Kraft had been a sufferer for five months, having undergone two operations in the hope of relief from her trouble, but without avail, and she passed away last Wednesday.

The body was brought to Groton for burial in the family lot at the Groton Union cemetery, where her husband and children are also buried.

Obituary.

Emma E. Kraft, nee Mueller, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Christian Mueller was born December 13, 1858, at Milwaukee, Wis. In 1880 she was joined in wedlock to Jacob W. Kraft, at Alma, Wis., where they lived for a year, then moving to Winona, and in 1882 they came to Groton, making their home for several years on a farm adjacent to the town, later moving into the city. This union was blessed with five children. In 1909 her husband died. Two of her children also passed away in childhood.

In 1910 Mrs. Kraft moved with the boys to Molt, Mont. She is survived by three sons, Arthur W. and Orion J., of Molt, Mont., and Capt. Rollan W., of the United States army; five brothers, Wm. Mueller, of Jamestown, N. D., Albert, of California; Henry, O. H., and Arthur, and one sister, Mrs. E. G. Rehfuß, all of Groton.

Mrs. Kraft was a true Christian in every sense of the word, converted in childhood, she was a lifelong member of the Evangelical church, in which her father had been a pioneer preacher. Her daily life was a practical exemplification of her profession and her qualities as a sister, wife and mother make her memory sacred to her family. As a neighbor and friend she was always ready to share the burdens of others and her influence abides.

Funeral services were held in the Evangelical church Sunday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Booth.

"Life's labor done, as sinks the clay,
Light from its load the spirit flies,
While heaven and earth combine to say
'How blest the righteous when he
dies.' "